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APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
10/050,049	01/17/2002	Juergen Klenk	CH9-2000-0049

CONFIRMATION NO. 1142

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FORMALITIES LETTER



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Date Mailed: 02/04/2002

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$424.
 - \$144 for 8 total claims over 20.
 - \$280 for multiple dependent claim surcharge.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 1294.**

A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.

Tedus Berke
Customer Service Center
Initial Patent Examination Division (703) 308-1202

PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

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01 FC:101 740.00 OP
02 FC:103 108.00 OP
03 FC:105 130.00 OP

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of:

Klenk et al.

Serial No. 10/050,049

Group Art Unit: 2122

Filed: Jan. 17, 2002

Examiner: not assigned

For: Systems and Method for Computer Based Searching for Relevant Texts

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Box: Missing Parts
Assistant Commission for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Attached hereto is a Notice to File Missing Parts and an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney form. Also attached is the Assignment, cover sheet along with a check for \$40.00.

The undersigned wishes to draw the attention to the accompanying copy of the Preliminary Amendment that was filed concurrently with the application on January 17, 2002. Attached is a copy of the Preliminary Amendment along with a copy of the PTO stamped receipt (note the box checked – Preliminary Amendment). Also attached is a copy of the Fee Transmittal which accompanied the application showing that only 26 claims were filed (6 claims over the allowed 20). By the Preliminary Amendment, the multiple dependent claims were amended to depend from only one claim, thus eliminating the multiple dependent fee.

In summary, the Notice to File Missing Parts of a Nonprovisional Application is incorrect in that it notes a total of 8 claims over the 20 instead of the correct number of 6 as well as a fee for multiple dependent claims, thus giving an incorrect balance due of \$1,294.00. The correct amount due is \$978.00 and a check for that amount is attached.

If for any reason any additional fees are deemed due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge attorney's Deposit Account 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson, PC)

Respectfully submitted,



Michael E. Whitham
Reg. No. 32,635

Date: 3-21-02



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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Response To Notice To File Missing Parts Of Application
Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533) (Large Entity)**

Docket No. **00280732AA**

In Re Application Of: **J. Klenk et al.**

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Serial No.
10/050,049

Filing Date
Jan. 17, 2002

Examiner
not assigned

Group Art Unit
2122

Invention: **Systems and methods for Computer Based Searching for Relevant Texts**

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Box Missing Parts

This is a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533) mailed on
February 4, 2002
Date

Enclosed herewith for filing are the following:

- ☒ A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533). **(REQUIRED)**
- ☐ An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date.
- ☒ A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date.
- ☐ An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 listing the names of all inventors and signed by the omitted inventor(s), identifying this application by the above Application Number and Filing Date.
- ☐ A verified English translation of the non-English language application papers as originally filed. It is requested that this translation be used as the copy for examination purposes in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.
- ☒ Other (list):

Assignment with cover sheet (Check for \$40.00)

COPY of the Preliminary Amendment as filed with the application

COPY of the PTO stamped receipt showing that the Preliminary Amendment was filed with the application

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00280732AA

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

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The fee of \$848.00 is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2041
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No.
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.



Signature

Michael E. Whitham
Reg. No. 32,635



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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Dated: March 21, 2002

I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on _____ with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence

Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence

CC:

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☒ Completion of application fees as calculated below:

☒ Utility application filing fee \$740.00

☐ Design application filing fee _____

☒ Total number of independent claims = 3 _____

☒ Total number of claims = 26 108.00

☐ Multiple dependent claims _____

☒ Surcharge for late payment of filing fee and/or late filing of original declaration or oath \$130.00

☐ Petition and fee for filing by other than all the inventors or a person not the inventor _____

☐ Fee for processing an application filed with a non-English language specification _____

☐ Fee for processing and retention of application _____

Total completion of application fees \$978.00

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the above-identified Notice to File Missing Parts of Application. The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired). If an additional time extension is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

☐ One month ☐ Two months ☐ Three months ☐ Four months ☐ Five months

from: _____ until: _____
Date Date

Total time extension fees _____

Total fees due \$978.00

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UTILITY
PATENT APPLICATION
TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.

C.H.9-2000-0049

First Inventor

J. Mergen Klenk et al.

Title

Systems and Methods for Computer
Based Searching for Relevant Text

Express Mail Label No.

Hand Delivery

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

ADDRESS TO:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Box Patent Application
Washington, DC 20231

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 1]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 21]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 1]
- a. ☒ unexecuted
Newly executed original or copy
- b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
- i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or
Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)
- ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
9. Specification Sequence Listing on:
- i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
- ii. ☐ paper
- c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement [Power of Attorney]
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 [Copies of IDS Citations]
13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☐ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35
or its equivalent.
17. ☒ Other: EP #01103933.6 19/2/02

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No.: _____

Prior application information:

Examiner _____

Group Art Unit: _____

For CONTINUING OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

☒ Customer Number or Bar Code Labelor ☐ Correspondence address below

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Name (Print/Type)

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Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)

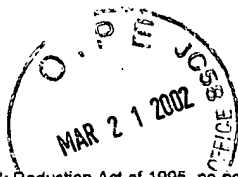
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Date

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2001

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT

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Complete if Known

Application Number

Filing Date

First Named Inventor

Examiner Name

Group Art Unit

Attorney Docket No.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

1. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:

Deposit
Account
NumberDeposit
Account
Name☐ Charge Any Additional Fee Required
Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27

2. ☐ **Payment Enclosed:**

☐ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money
Order ☐ Other**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
101 710	201 355	Utility filing fee
106 320	206 160	Design filing fee
107 490	207 245	Plant filing fee
108 710	208 355	Reissue filing fee
114 150	214 75	Provisional filing fee

Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
26	20** = 6	X	
3	3** = 0	X	
Multiple Dependent Claims			

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 80	202 40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 270	204 135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 80	209 40	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105 130	205 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127 50	227 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139 130	139 130	Non-English specification	
147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112 920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840*	113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month	
116 390	216 195	Extension for reply within second month	
117 890	217 445	Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,390	218 695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,890	228 945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 310	219 155	Notice of Appeal	
120 310	220 155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 270	221 135	Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110	240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,240	241 620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,240	242 620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 440	243 220	Design issue fee	
144 600	244 300	Plant issue fee	
122 130	122 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123 50	123 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126 180	126 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581 40	581 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146 710	246 355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149 710	249 355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179 710	255 355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169 900	269 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify)			

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)

SUBMITTED BY

Name (Print/Type) C. Lament Whitham

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Signature

Date

Jan 17, 2002

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